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IN RE APPLICATION OF : CONFIRMATION NO. **7512**  
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FOR: PYROGENIC SILICON DIOXIDE :  
POWDER AND DISPERSION THEREOF

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated August 28, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.